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To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE THREE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT
PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH THREE CONTRACTORS**

This is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate three Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) contracts with the three current contractors: First Steps for Youth, Inc., Hope Opportunity Motivation & Education, Inc., and Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc. It is anticipated that the negotiation will take place sometime in March 2013. At present, these three contractors are the only California Department of Social Services (CDSS) licensees to provide THPP services in Los Angeles County. The term of the current THPP contracts is from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, with an additional six-month extension option, as necessary, through June 30, 2013, to complete a solicitation or negotiation of new contracts. The Board approved this extension on December 20, 2011, and delegated authority to the DCFS Director to execute the six-month extension option as needed. We will execute the six-month option effective January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013, prior to the contract expiration on December 31, 2012.

On November 1, 2012, CDSS approved DCFS request to conduct a Procurement By Negotiation (PBN) with the three current THPP contractors for one year, effective July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and an additional six-month extension from July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, if necessary, to allow DCFS adequate time to solicit a new THPP/Transitional Housing Placement Plus-Foster Care (THP+FC) contract.

The aggregate annual maximum contract amount for the PBN is \$1,661,760 and the additional six-month extension option, if exercised, is \$830,880 for an aggregate total cost of \$2,492,640, funded with 36% Federal funds, 33% State funds, and 31% net County cost. Sufficient funding will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget request and subsequent FY 2014-2015 budget.

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The current THPP services are available County-wide and provide selected independent living opportunities for eligible DCFS and Probation youth living in foster care placements, ages 16 to 18, to practice life skills in a safe environment, ease the transition from dependence to self sufficiency through supervised housing and other necessary support services.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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